

### --- “Series of 1883” - Seventy Pounds - Blue - COUPON Stamps ---

Chris Ryan in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, of March 2003, reports that the 70 pound denomination was one of the original denominations in the “Series of 1883” introduced on July 1st. Thus the initial copies were printed on *block wmkd* paper.

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The catalogue lists the recess printed seventy pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamps as follows:

**RM-305c** - 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls, *long wreath* with ten one pound coupons and an **188\_** stub

**RM-305** - 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls, *long wreath* with ten one pound coupons and an **188\_** stub

**RM-306** - 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 5 mm. red controls, *long wreath* with ten one pound coupons and an **188\_** stub

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<b>3rd BABN Contract</b> (1878-1886)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 30,500 copies of “70 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
<b>4th BABN Contract</b> (1886-1892)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 5,435 copies of “70 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
<b>5th BABN Contract</b> (1892-1897)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 31,965 copies of “70 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.

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### --- The “theoretical” control number range on the 70 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

<b>3rd BABN Contract</b>	30,500	- <b>000001</b> to <b>030500</b>
<b>4th BABN Contract</b>	5,435	- <b>030501</b> to <b>035935</b>
<b>5th BABN Contract</b>	<u>31,965</u>	- <b>035936</b> to <b>067900</b>
	67,900	

### --- The “actual” control number range on the 70 pound blue Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

70 pounds, blue, on <i>block wmkd</i> vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. controls	- <b>002200</b> to <b>002243</b>
70 pounds, blue, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. controls	- <b>032511</b> to <b>032997</b>
70 pounds, blue, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove - 5 mm. controls	- <b>048531</b> to <b>048992</b>

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--- RM-305c - Seventy Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-86 ---

--- Recess printed on *block wmkd vertical* mesh wove - with 4 mm. Montreal red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten 1 pound coupons, and an *188\_* stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With a *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---



The catalogue lists this recess printed seventy pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

RM-305c - 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *block wmkd vertical* mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls,  
*long wreath* with ten one pound coupons and an *188\_* stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on the 70 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract

30,500

- 000001 to 030500



★RM-305c - 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, with 4 mm. Montreal control number 002243,  
on *block wmkd vertical* mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons

002200	RM-305c	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on block wmkd vertical mesh wove
002226	RM-305c	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on block wmkd vertical mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and a stub dated 188_
002231	RM-305c	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on block wmkd vertical mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and a stub dated 188_
002237	RM-305c	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on block wmkd vertical mesh wove
002243 ★	RM-305c	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on block wmkd vertical mesh wove

The original seventy pound strips were printed on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove paper. Subsequent printings were made using *unwmkd* vertical mesh paper, and finally using *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove. The control numbering reached **030500** under the **3rd BABN Contract**. The following TP is from the initial printing.



★**RM-305cn** - 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, without control numbering, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and an **188**\_ stub

--- Recess printed on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. *Gothic violet control numbers* ---

All of the stamps bearing 4 mm. Gothic *purple control numbers* seem to come from the “Series of 1883”. In a similar parallel, all of the stamps with 5 mm. Roman light blue controls seem to come from the “Series of 1880-81”. I feel that these were prepared by BABN for Philatelic Exhibitions in 1880-81, and in the mid-1880’s. Some examples are found on *block wmkd* paper, which indicates that they come from 1883-84.

There are a couple dozen examples in the collection most of which came from the “Ferrari” collection purchased from Erling van Dam. None of the other stamps in the “Ferrari” collection dated from later than 1900. It is possible that they were prepared as “presentation” sets for prominent philatelists.



★ 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, with purple 4 mm. Gothic control **217547**, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove



--- RM-305 - Seventy Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92 ---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. Montreal red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten 1 pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With a long wreath around the Queen’s portrait ---

The catalogue lists the recess printed seventy pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamps as follows:

RM-305 - 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls,  
*long wreath* with ten one pound coupons and an 188\_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 70 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

4th BABN Contract

5,435

- 030501 to 035935

Although ‘delivered’ under the 4th BABN Contract the following stamps were probably printed under the previous Contract



★RM-305 CP - 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, with 4 mm. control number 032513,  
on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and an 188\_ stub - stamped CANCELLED

032505	RM-305	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
032511	RM-305 CP	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons - stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic
032513 ★	RM-305 CP	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and the stub dated 188_, stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic
032997 ★	RM-305	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and the stub dated 188_

At some point between the last recorded 4 mm. Montreal control number 032997 and the first recorded 5 mm. Ottawa control number 048531 (see the next page) the size of the control increased.

--- RM-306 - Seventy Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 5th BABN Contract - 1892-97 ---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 5 mm. Ottawa red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten 1 pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With a *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

The catalogue lists the recess printed seventy pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamps as follows:

**RM-306** - 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 5 mm. red controls,  
*long wreath* with ten one pound coupons and an 188\_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on the 70 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

5th BABN Contract

31,965

- 035936 to 067900

Since the stub on 048992 is dated 188\_, and all of the stamps exhibit the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait, it is probable that all of these 5th Contract stamps were printed under the 3rd Contract, and were given their 5 mm. control numbers at Ottawa, after their 1887 return, and finally ‘delivered’ between 1892-97.



★**RM-306** - 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, with 5 mm. Ottawa control number 048636,  
on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with ten 1 pound coupons - with a mirror image “R”

048531	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048539	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048546	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048571	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove - mirror image “R”
048581	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove - mirror image “R”
048591	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove - mirror image “R”
048596	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove - mirror image “R”
048609★	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048616	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove - mirror image “R”
048617	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048622	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048633	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048625	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048636★	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove - mirror image “R”
048649	RM-306	clipped at 74 pounds, blue, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048652	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048661	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048689	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048701	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048702	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048706	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove - mirror image “R”
048712	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
048729	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove

048736	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048753	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048756	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048773	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048788	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048798	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048803	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048851	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove - mirror image "R"
048851	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove - mirror image "R"
048866	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and a stub dated 188_
048868	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and a stub dated 188_
048870	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048891	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048896	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048900	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and a stub dated 188_
048902	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and a stub dated 188_
048904	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048916	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove - mirror image "R"
048918	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048928	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048939	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048940	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048950	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048977	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048981	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
048989★	RM-306	70 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove



★RM-306 - 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, with 5 mm. Ottawa control number 048992,  
on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and an 188\_ stub

048992★ RM-306 70 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove,  
with ten 1 pound coupons and a stub dated 188\_

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